GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF TERAM PLOTS TO TRIBALS IN DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of landless tribals of Union Territory of Dadra Nagar Haveli occupying and cultivating in the "Teram Plots" since generations would be given permanent occupancy as given to the Teram Plots holders of Maharashtra and Gujarat ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to remedy the situation ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment & Forests have formulated policy guidelines for settlement of those leases which were awarded on forest land before the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 came into force on 25.10.1980. These guidelines were intimated to all the State/UT Governments on 18.09.1990 to act accordingly. According to these guidelines, the State/UT Governments should identify those cases of lease on forest land which were awarded under proper authority. Lease awarded prior to 25.10.1980 which could not be renewed on account of enactment of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 should be examined and where the State/UT Governments desire to continue the leases proposals should be submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Forests in the prescribed manner seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The Dadra and Nagar Haveli Administration has not submitted any proposal to the Central Government in accordance with the said guidelines.